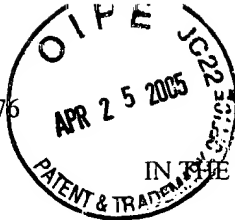


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PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicant: Masakazu Hirano et al.

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Filed: 9/27/2001

For: LOAD/UNLOAD OPERATION CONTROL
METHOD AND STORAGE APPARATUS

Art Unit: 2651

Examiner: Negron, Daniell L.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication regarding the above-identified application.

Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

	As Amended		Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	15	-	21	=	0	x	\$ 50.00	=	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	\$200.00	=	\$ 0.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims							\$360.00	=	\$ 0.00
							Total Additional Fee		\$ 0.00
							Small Entity Fee (reduced by half)		\$

(X) Amendment C.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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AMENDMENT C

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2005, please amend the application as follows: